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Identification of Heritage Sites in Andhra Pradesh
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified 72 heritage sites all over the country for overall development;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Government to identify the famous Borra Caves, Gandikota, Chandragiri Forts, Guntupalli Caves, Amaravati Maha Stupas as Natural Heritage sites and recommend to UNESCO for declaring as Natural Heritage Sites in the States and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has taken any initiation in the matter and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a)&(b) No, Madam.

(c)&(d) The Archaeological Survey of India has received a request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for inclusion of Gandikota Fort, Chandragiri Fort, Guntupalli Caves and Amaravati Maha Stupa in the UNESCO World Heritage list. However, it is not possible to propose these monuments to enlist on UNESCO list of World Heritage since they are not in the Tentative List.